



North Carolina Department of Public Instruction  
2021 Green Ribbon District Timeline

## Background on ED-Green Ribbon Schools State Implementation

U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) recognition award is designed to be a tool to encourage new collaborations among state education agencies and various inter-agency and inter-sector partners. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) publishes criteria, a sample application which states may adapt and other resources for implementation. In addition, ED holds a call at least quarterly for state implementers of the award to share experiences and pose questions of ED.

### ED-GRS NCDPI Annual Timeline:

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Fall 2020	School Districts who wish to participate prepare their school and/or district application submittal.
<b>January 26, 2021</b>	<b>*Deadline for the receipt of school and district applications by NCDPI.</b>
February 2021	NCDPI reviews the GRS applications and recommends those nominees to be submitted to US-ED Green Ribbon Schools.
<b>March 1, 2021</b>	<b>Deadline for NCDPI submittal of nominees to US-ED Green Ribbon Schools.</b>
April 22, 2021	ED announces national honorees (Earth Day - Date Tentative)
September, 2021	ED hosts awards ceremony (Date and Location TBD)

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**\*Submittal shall be online by 11:59 p.m. EST via email to: [jon.long@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:jon.long@dpi.nc.gov)**